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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/71/708/Add.1 and Corr.1)]

71/295. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, section I of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolutions 55/271 of 14 June 2001, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 62/250 of 20 June 2008, 63/287 of 30 June 2009, 64/271 of 24 June 2010, 65/290 of 30 June 2011, 66/265 of 21 June 2012, 67/287 of 28 June 2013, 68/283 of 30 June 2014, 69/308 of 25 June 2015 and 70/287 of 17 June 2016 and its other relevant resolutions, as well as its decisions 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016[1] and on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018,[2] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within 30 days for traditional peacekeeping operations and 90 days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

[1] A/71/726 and Add.1.
[2] A/71/806.
[3] A/71/800.
[4] A/71/883.

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Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018[2] and the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

3. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

6. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

7. *Further reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and its other relevant resolutions;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to streamline his report on the support account submitted for consideration by the General Assembly, making it more strategic and analytical, and encourages the increased use of tables and graphics;

11. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General to continuously ensure that capacity at Headquarters meets changing mandates;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 65 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the proposal of the Secretary-General to restructure the Logistics Support Division, with the exception of the elements related to the work, functions and staffing of the Air Transport Section;

13. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period,

from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;[1]

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

15. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 325,800,000 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of the amount of 25,038,300 dollars for the enterprise resource planning project, 821,500 dollars for information and systems security and 868,500 dollars for the global service delivery model, including 1,357 continuing posts and 3 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment, redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, as set out in annex I to the present resolution, 77 continuing and 3 new general temporary assistance positions and 59 person-months, as set out in annex II, as well as related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

16. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance in the amount of 611,300 dollars, in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(*b*) The total amount of 2,238,200 dollars, comprising interest revenue of 638,900 dollars, other revenue of 64,500 dollars and cancellation of prior-period obligations of 1,534,800 dollars, in respect of the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(*c*) The amount of 1,161,100 dollars, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(*d*) The balance of 321,789,400 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(*e*) The net estimated staff assessment income of 28,070,700 dollars, comprising the amount of 27,180,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and the increase of 890,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*d*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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Annex I

A. Posts to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

		Posts			
Department office	*Organizational unit*	*Number*	*Level*	*Function*	*Status*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	P-4	Organizational Resilience Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Police Division	1	P-3	Police Gender Affairs Officer	New
	Subtotal	**2**			
Department of Management					
Office of Human Resources Management	Human Resources Policy Service	1	P-2	Associate Legal Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
	Subtotal	**1**			
	Total	**3**			

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the new posts is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/71/806) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/883).

B. Restructuring, redeployment, reassignment, reclassification and abolishment of posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Restructuring

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Operations/Africa I Division

Shifting capacity of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan/United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNMISS/UNISFA) Integrated Operational Team to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) Integrated Operational Team and renaming the UNMISS/UNISFA Integrated Operational Team as the South Sudan Integrated Operational Team and the UNAMID Integrated Operational Team as the Sudan Integrated Operational Team

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Operations/Africa II Division

Shifting capacity of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic from the Great Lakes Integrated Operational Team to the new Central Africa Integrated Operational Team and combining the West Africa Integrated Operational Team and the Mali Integrated Operational Team to form the new West Africa and Sahel Integrated Operational Team

Department of Field Support/Office of the Under-Secretary-General/Environment Section

Establishment of the Environment Section

Department of Field Support/Logistics Support Division

Realignment of the Logistics Support Division in line with an "end-to-end" supply chain approach with a view to improving the support for field missions, excluding the restructuring of the Air Transport Section

Redeployment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Operations/Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America Division

Redeployment of 1 post (1 GS (OL) Team Assistant) from the Africa II Division (West Africa team)

Department of Field Support/Office of the Under-Secretary-General/Environment Section

Redeployment of 4 posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 P-3 Environmental Officer and 1 GS (OL) Programme Assistant) from the Logistics Support Division

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Offices of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia

Redeployment of 3 posts (3 P-4 Resident Auditors) from the Resident Audit Office in Entebbe, Uganda, to the Resident Audit Offices of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia

Reassignment

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Inspection and Evaluation Division/Regional Inspection and Evaluation Office in Entebbe

Reassignment of 1 post (1 P-4 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-4 Evaluation Officer) from the Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Reassignment of 2 posts (1 P-5 Chief Resident Auditor to be reassigned and reclassified as 1 P-4 Evaluation Officer and 1 P-3 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-3 Evaluation Officer) from the Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Reclassification

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office in Entebbe

Reclassification of 1 post (1 FS Audit Assistant as 1 NGS Administrative Assistant)

Abolishment

Department of Field Support/Field Budget and Finance Division/Budget and Performance Reporting Service

Abolishment of 2 posts (2 GS (OL) Finance and Budget Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Abolishment of 1 post (P-4 Resident Investigator)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Abolishment of 1 post (P-3 Resident Auditor)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Abolishment of 3 posts (1 P-5 Chief Resident Auditor, 1 FS Audit Assistant and 1 NGS Administrative Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Abolishment of 1 post (FS Audit Assistant)

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); NGS, national General Service.

Annex II

General temporary assistance positions to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Department office	*Organizational unit*	*Position*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant (organizational resilience)	Continuation
	Executive Office	1	P-4	Human Resources Officer	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Office of the Assistant Secretary-General	1	P-4	Rule of Law and Security Institutions Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section	1	P-4	Policy and Planning Officer (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Police Division	1	P-4	Police Programme Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Justice and Corrections Service	1	P-4	Judicial Affairs Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	**6**			
United Nations Office to the African Union					
Administrative Support Section		–	3 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 NGS	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Department of Field Support					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Conduct and Discipline Unit	1	P-3	Programme Officer	New
	Audit Response and Boards of Inquiry Section	–	6 months, 1 P-3	Operational Review Officer	New
Field Budget and Finance Division	Memorandum of Understanding and Claims Management Section	1	P-3	Finance Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Reimbursement Policy and Liaison Section	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
Field Personnel Division	Field Personnel Specialist Support Service	10	P-3	Human Resources Officer (occupational groups)	Continuation
		3	GS (OL)	Human Resources Assistant (occupational groups)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**16**			
Department of Management					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Executive Office	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	Peacekeeping Financing Division	2	P-3	Finance and Budget Officer	Continuation
	Accounts Division	1	P-4	Accountant (accounting policy)	New
		1	GS (OL)	Finance Assistant (insurance)	Continuation

Department office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
Office of Human Resources Management	Medical Service Division	1	P-4	Medical Officer	Continuation
	Strategic Planning and Staffing Division	1	P-4	Project Manager (data warehouse)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Human Resources Officer (mobility)	Continuation
Office of Central Support Services	Procurement Division	1	GS (OL)	Procurement Assistant	Continuation
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (Bangkok office)	1	P-4	Project Manager (rations management system)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (fuel management system)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (New York office)	1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (customer relationship management for the troop contribution management project)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre New York	1	P-3	Business Analyst (Inspira)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**12**			
Office of Internal Oversight Services					
Executive Office		–	2 months, 2 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 3 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Investigations Division	Vienna	1	D-1	Deputy Director	Continuation
		1	P-5	Senior Investigator	Continuation
		2	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		5	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	GS (PL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
	Entebbe, Uganda	1	P-4	Investigator (from the United Nations Mission in Liberia)	Continuation
		3	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	Nairobi	1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in Liberia	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in South Sudan	2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation

Department office	*Organizational unit*	*Position*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
		1	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		3	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator (from the United Nations Mission in Liberia)	Continuation
Internal Audit Division	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	Subtotal	**41**			
Executive Office of the Secretary-General					
		–	3 months, 2 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services					
Regional Ombudsman's Office in Entebbe		2	P-4	Conflict Resolution Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	**2**			
Office of Legal Affairs					
General Legal Division	Administration of Justice Cluster	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Department of Public Information					
		–	1.5 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	1.5 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			

Department office	*Organizational unit*	*Position* *Number*	*Level*	*Function*	*Status*
Department of Safety and Security					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Integration Project Team	–	6 months, 1 P-5	Senior Project Manager	Continuation
		–	6 months, 1 P-4	Project Manager	Continuation
	Subtotal	–			
Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions					
		1	P-5	Senior Administrative Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	1			
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights					
Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division	Peace Mission Support Section (Addis Ababa)	1	P-3	Human Rights Officer	Continuation
Research and Right to Development Division	Methodology, Education and Training Section (New York)	1	P-4	Human Rights Officer	New
	Subtotal	2			
	Total	**80**		**Positions and 59 person-months (positions of less than 12 months' duration)[a]**	

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the general temporary assistance positions is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/71/806) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/883).

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); NGS, national General Service.

[a] Person-months are indicated in the column entitled "Level".